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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Sean P. Shechtman	2125
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1. This communication is responsive to <u>9/16/05</u> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 19-22 and 24-28.		
 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority units a) All b) Some* c) None of the: Certified copies of the priority documents have Certified copies of the priority documents have Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received:	been received. been received in Application No	
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(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached		
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.		
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 19-22 and 24-28 are presented for examination. Claims 19 and 25 have been amended. Claims 23, 28, and 29 have been cancelled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven E. Warner on December 8, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

The claims have been amended as follows:

- 2. Referring to claim 25, line 6,
- --performed by the exposure system, the parameter file being generated in the exposure system, and a program for editing the image; -- has been inserted, replacing "performed by the exposure system, and a program for editing the image;"
- 3. Referring to claim 25, line 7,
 - --another-- has been inserted, replacing "an"
- 4. Referring to claim 25, line 9,
 - -- the other information -- has been inserted, replacing "the information"

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5. Rejections withdrawn in light of the amendment filed September 16th 2005

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Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 19-22 and 24-28 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Referring to claims 19 and 25, neither Kerszykowski nor Ozaki, taken either alone or in obvious combination teach an information processing method and apparatus in an exposure system having all the claimed features of applicant's instant invention, specifically including: generating a parameter file described in a markup language based on a parameter used in an exposure system, the parameter file including information for displaying an image concerning at least one of a shot layout and a sample shot for an exposure process to be performed by the exposure system, the parameter file being generated in the exposure system, and a program for editing the image; wherein the parameter file is transmitted to another information processing apparatus arranged outside of the exposure system and the parameter file is edited by the other information processing apparatus using the markup language. Also, there is no motivation to combine Kerszykowski nor Ozaki to meet these limitations. It is for these reasons that applicant's invention defines over the prior art of record. Claims 20-22, 24, and 26-28 depend from claims 19 and 25, and are therefore also allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Sean P. Shechtman whose telephone number is (571) 272-3754.

The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30am-6:00pm, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Leo P. Picard can be reached on (571) 272-3749. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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December 6, 2005